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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In furtherance of Applicants' continuing duty to disclose, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the Search Report received in connection with the New Zealand counterpart Application. The '262 U.S. Patent applied by the New Zealand Examiner is already of record in this case. Accordingly, no copy of same is being provided.

It is noted the '262 Patent is applied only against New Zealand claims 26 and 27, which correspond to claims 26 and 27 pending in this Application.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a copy of the Action by a foreign (New Zealand) Examiner in which the reference was applied. The relevance to the pending U.S. Patent Application is that the reference was applied in a foreign counterpart Application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis

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175 CANAL STREET MANCHESTER, NH 03101 TEL. 603.668.1400 FAX. 603.668.8567 of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of foreign Examiner or the claims of the foreign Application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present Application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the foreign Examiner's comments submitted therewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the first Action on the merits. Therefore, we believe there are no fees involved with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, in the event there are any fees payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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